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Sir:

Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 350 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA, 02139, is the Assignee and owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-identified patent application. A Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is attached.

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Executed this 11th day of February, 2009.

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